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## New Books.

CHRIST REFLECTED IN CREATION. By D. C. McMillan, New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price 25 cts.

This daintily bound booklet of seventy-seven pages is one of the "Quiet Hour" series published by the Fleming H. Revell Co. The spirit of the booklet is beautiful and elevating. We quote one passage:

"While it is not given to man to obtain more than a glimpse into the unknown, it is possible to see that, with love, confidence and innocence as the universal law, with charity and helpfulness supreme, and selfishness forgotten, the distribution of the fruits of the earth would assure a constant abundance to all of God's children; and the human mind under the purifying influence of innocent affection would find in the happiness of mankind a picture of the heaven that would need nothing to complete it but a release from our physical structure of that part of ourselves which alone is invested with life; and as we note the restraints, the repetitions and force of habit in the making and upbuilding of men, and the rapid and potent effect of principles in the developing and molding of nations and civilizations, we feel our weakness to-day to measure the advances possible toward human perfection in the future, or to say how near even humanity may attain to that standard which prepares it for a union with the Godhead through which it becomes 'perfect in one.' Christ is with us to-day, present in the Spirit of Love and the Law, which, though unwritten and not spoken in words, yet speaks to and through the heart, and throbs the being and moves the soul of man. It is the well-spring of all good. It finds expression in words only in deepest travail, at critical moments, in times of greatest emergency and saddest adversity, when in the feebleness of our nature, truth bursts the bounds of all restraints and a voice higher and purer than man's brings out of darkest chaos a vision of loveliness and harmony, which makes clear the way of right."

## Habitual Criminals in Iowa.

The *Omaha Bee*, as quoted by *Public Opinion* has the following interesting statement as to habitual criminals in Iowa:

"The debate in the Iowa legislature on a bill for a law to punish habitual criminals more severely, brought out some statements suggestive if not startling. The number of convicts at the two Iowa penitentiaries has greatly increased in recent years, and in ten years there has been an eighty per cent increase in crime throughout the state. The cost of criminal prosecutions is correspondingly great, the total for the state having been \$445,000 in 1890 and \$586,000 in 1895. Investigation shows that there are in the Iowa penitentiaries convicts serving fourth, fifth, sixth, and even as high as eleven, terms. Under the present laws these habitual criminals cannot be permanently retired from circulation, but the courts can only sentence and re-sentence them for short terms. In view of the fact that the increase of crime in Iowa is

greater than in many other states where other conditions are substantially equal, the conviction is forced upon Iowa legislators that habitual criminals from other states flock to Iowa to secure the benefit of lax laws. The bill mentioned proposes that this shall no longer continue, but that hereafter a third conviction for a felony shall be for a term not less than fifteen years, and that persons habitually given to petty crimes shall be sentenced to terms of not less than five years. Habitual criminals in Iowa and elsewhere certainly demand more rigorous treatment. The purpose of punishment for crime is to prevent repetition by reformation or otherwise. When it becomes evident that there is no possibility of reformation of the individual the state has the unquestioned right to restrain the criminal permanently."

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